



**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**Hambledon Annual Parish Meeting**  
**23 May 2022, 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs Mason, Silcock, Dyson & Hand; circa 25 parishioners

In attendance: Mrs Joanna Tester (Parish Council Clerk); Cllr Frank Pearson (WCC); Cllr Vicki Weston (WCC); Cllr Malcolm Wallace (WCC); Cllr Hugh Lumby (HCC); Mr Jan Jarvie (Flood Action Group); and Mrs Penny Mahon (Hambledon Greening).

Apologies: Cllrs Quinn & Thornton (HPC); Pat & Stephen Crew; and PCSO Wetherill

**Meeting started at 7.30pm**

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion and Decision</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	Chair's Welcome, Introduction & Review of the Year	<p>Cllr Mason welcomed Villagers &amp; advised that the format would follow the pre-issued agenda. Cllr Mason then delivered Cllr Quinn's 'review of the year'. The main points were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apologies for absence.</li> <li>• Thank you to Covid volunteers.</li> <li>• Recognition of villagers who have passed away in the last year, including Cllr Tony Higham and Daniel Finch.</li> <li>• Welcome to new cllrs Sam Dyson &amp; Chris Hand.</li> <li>• Thanks to Jim Twiney who has now stood down. The Clerk will be advertising the co-option vacancy in due course.</li> <li>• Congratulations to Hambledon Connected - recently celebrated 2nd anniversary.</li> <li>• Liaison group with Hambledon Vineyard has been established. Thanks to Vineyard for support for Jubilee celebrations.</li> <li>• Thanks to village groups &amp; Jubilee Planning Team for organising Jubilee celebrations.</li> <li>• Thanks to Tabitha Jay for heading up the production of the Hambledon 2020 book.</li> <li>• Bus shelter - new shelter has been installed &amp; insurance excess received from bus company.</li> <li>• Play equipment - proceeds from the jubilee celebrations will go towards the Village Hall Play Area Re-vamp.</li> <li>• Greening campaign - moved into phase 3 &amp; 4 (renaturing &amp; retrofit). Joint venture with Denmead PC on a repair cafe. Greening Festival in Sept.</li> </ul>	

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1	<p>Chair's Welcome, Introduction &amp; Review of the Year cont.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aquind Interconnector - Secretary of State refused planning app. This is being appealed. Defibrillator - second de-fib has been installed in East St.</li> <li>• Getting better - noise reduction from manhole covers &amp; reduction in fly-tipping (esp. Chidden).</li> <li>• Planning - enduring themes are double-glazing in listed properties; Alsoils (Windmill Farm); &amp; development outside of the settlement boundary.</li> <li>• Village Design Statement has been approved by SDNP &amp; a copy provided to all households.</li> <li>• Flood Action Group - thanks to Jan Jarvie.</li> <li>• Finance - precept has been increased to meet wage increases, effects of inflation &amp; need to bring projects to completion. Cllr Silcock to expand on later in the meeting.</li> <li>• Better Streets - more new street signs. New village entrance signs hoped to be finished in time for the Jubilee.</li> <li>• Traffic &amp; Pedestrian Safety - to be covered by Cllr Silcock.</li> <li>• Tennis - court has been renamed 'Tony Higham Tennis Court' &amp; a new sign is in place.</li> <li>• Crime - Hambledon remains a low crime area but PC looking for volunteer to be village liaison with the PCSO/Police (pass info as necessary and remind villagers of simple security measure).</li> <li>• Thank yous</li> </ul> <p>There were no questions to the Chair</p> <p>Full speaking notes have been published on the PC website.</p>	
2	<p>Report from Finance Working Group</p> <p>Cllr Silcock noted that Cllr Quinn updated the Village on the 2022/23 budget &amp; precept increase in Feb 2022 (via the Hambledonian), and made the following main points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requirement to recover inflation losses (precept reduced in the main Covid year); ensure that the Clerk is paid correctly; &amp; meet some cost increases e.g. insurance premium.</li> <li>• Decision to part-fund two important projects: traffic &amp; pedestrian safety; and Village Hall play equipment re-vamp.</li> <li>• Effect of rise in precept is increase from £43.48 to £84.57 per annum (Band D house)</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Silcock provided four illustrative graphs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main budget components (by percentage); largest being for running costs;</li> <li>• Components of running costs;</li> <li>• How our Council Tax is made up (4% is parish precept); and</li> <li>• Precept comparison between Hambledon and 10 local parishes.</li> </ul>	

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2	<p>Report from Finance Working Group cont.</p> <p>Cllr Silcock noted that ordinarily decisions re. increasing precept would be put before the Village at the APM, but this would have resulted in a further 12-month delay. Precept will be monitored closely; with a view to downward pressure on it next year.</p> <p>No public questions were received.</p> <p>Full speaking notes have been published on the PC website.</p>	
3	<p>Reports from WCC</p> <p>The main points of Cllr Weston’s report are as following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May elections. Thanks to Linda Gemmell as she was not re-elected &amp; congratulations to Malcolm Wallace, our new district cllr.</li> <li>• Council Tax Energy Rebate - £150 for eligible households.</li> <li>• Mayor for 2022 is Cllr Green; leader of the council is Cllr Todd.</li> <li>• Local Plan - SHELAA sites; climate change; nature recovery/hedgerows</li> </ul> <p>The main points of Cllr Pearson’s report are as following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A summary of all Cllr Pearson’s council activities.</li> <li>• Five-bin waste collection system is to be established nationwide.</li> <li>• 20-mph speed limits.</li> <li>• Regulations continuing to emerge from the new Environmental Act 2021 affecting air quality, biodiversity, water &amp; waste collection.</li> <li>• New Council Cabinet has been announced.</li> <li>• Cllr Clear (Wickham) is Deputy Mayor of Winchester.</li> <li>• No data available yet re. numbers of additional houses that will be requested from SDNP.</li> <li>• WCC Planning Committee is pushing for a clear policy regarding dog walking fields.</li> <li>• Many complaints received regarding verge cutting/hedges. The latter are generally the responsibility of the landowner, but not along highways (ID Verde). Road junctions most important; biodiversity conservation governs the remainder.</li> <li>• Planning Committee awaiting advice on how planners &amp; developers are to deliver the 10% gain in biodiversity on sites.</li> </ul> <p>No public questions were received.</p> <p>Full reports have been published on the PC website.</p>	

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4	<p>Report from Better Streets Working Group</p> <p>Cllr Silcock delivered a report and covered the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress made since 2018 (including notice boards; signs; bus shelter; Cams/OFTR junction; planters &amp; bollards)</li> </ul> <p>No public questions were received.</p> <p>Full report has been published on the PC website.</p>	
5	<p>Report from Traffic &amp; Pedestrian Safety Working Group</p> <p>Cllr Silcock delivered a report and covered the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey carried out in 2021.</li> <li>• Working group has been established to look at how best to address concerns raised. Members have looked at preferred speeds; and physical and passive calming measures.</li> <li>• Hambledon Greening happy to advise on passive measures (e.g. softening approaches to/roads through the village with greenery).</li> <li>• PC supportive of the 20s Plenty initiative. HCC due to deliberate on this in the Autumn.</li> </ul> <p>No public questions were received.</p> <p>Full report has been published on the PC website.</p>	
6	<p>Report from Play and Playgrounds Re-vamp Working Groups</p> <p>Cllr Dyson delivered a report and covered the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Village Hall play area has been identified as requiring replacing and refurbishing in places due to its age and potential as being unsuitable for smaller children.</li> <li>• Fund raising has been ongoing for the past year and continues at this time. Approximately £18k has been raised by the PC to date, however much of this comes from the precept as opposed to donations and fund raising.</li> <li>• We did apply for the Calor grant but were unsuccessful.</li> <li>• The play area is considered to be a very important part of the village as it brings together the community for both those young and old as a place that can be enjoyed as well as a central location near the pub making the village more accessible to all thereby increasing the overall “value” of the village.</li> <li>• The working group has narrowed down five different suppliers for the provision of new play equipment (we are awaiting one more quote).</li> <li>• The PC welcomes any support for the play area and any fundraising ideas.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Dyson also noted that the Tennis court has been renamed the “Tony Higham Tennis Court” in recognition of the contribution he made to the village of Hambledon.</p>	

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7	<p>Report from Flood Action Working Group</p> <p>Jan Jarvie delivered a report on behalf of the FAG. Main points covered were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roles of the FAG (prepare for/manage flooding &amp; equipment that might be needed; maintaining a watch on weather conditions &amp; monitoring advice from agencies etc.; maintaining list of previously flooded properties with contact details &amp; a list of vulnerable property owners who could require special assistance; monthly status reports to HPC; regular Hambledonian articles; and reviewing/improving the Flood Action Plan).</li> </ul> <p>No public questions were received.</p> <p>Full report has been published on the PC website.</p>	
8	<p>Report from Hambledon Greening Working Group</p> <p>Mrs Penny Mahon delivered a report on behalf of Hambledon Greening. Main points covered were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase 1 (community engagement) completed in 2020.</li> <li>• Became a working group of the PC in 2021.</li> <li>• Phase 2 (rewinding, retrofit, &amp; health and wellbeing) started in 2021. Retrofit element continues. Health and wellbeing element currently focusing on recycling station, Little Green Van visits, sustainable mugs/glasses for village events, and Denmead &amp; Hambledon Repair Cafe.</li> <li>• Hambledon Green Fair held Sept 2021 (joint project with EcoChurch). This year's fair will be held on Sept 11th again.</li> <li>• Supporters' list includes over 100 households. All receive regular updates. HG produces report in the Hambledonian. Facebook page has over 160 followers. Website continues to develop.</li> </ul> <p>No public questions were received.</p> <p>Full report has been published on the PC website.</p>	
9	<p>New District Cllr</p> <p>Cllr Malcolm Wallace introduced himself.</p> <p>No public questions were received.</p>	

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10	Report from HCC	<p>The main points of Cllr Lumby's report are as following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homes for Ukraine - HCC continuing to work with WCC and key local partners.</li> <li>• Covid-19 update - increased Covid-19 activity &amp; continued high case rates across all ages in Hampshire.</li> <li>• Roads - Police &amp; Crime Commissioner has agreed to install average speed cameras on the A32 and the A272 to help tackle antisocial motorbikes in the area. Renewed push for acoustic cameras to be brought in as well. HCC looking again at whether there should be 20-mph zones in residential areas. Results of this review due later in the year.</li> <li>• Grants - 2022/23 county councillor grant window has now opened</li> <li>• New leader for HCC - Deputy leader Rob Humby has taken over From Keith Mans whilst Rob Chad becomes the new deputy.</li> <li>• Cllr Lumby's roles include vice chairman of the Economy Transport and Environment Select Committee and chairman of the River Hamble Harbour Authority Management Committee.</li> </ul> <p>No public questions were received.</p> <p>Full report has been published on the PC website.</p>	

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11	<p>Open forum</p> <p>The following points were raised by members of the public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A representative from Hambledon Village Hall Committee expressed disappointment that the PC recently objected to planning application for solar panels. Main benefits of the solar panels are sustainability and reduction in energy costs (circa 50%). Half the cost of installation will hopefully come from a grant. Energy costs are due to increase by at least a third which could make the continued running of the VH unviable. The PC's Code of Conduct (in particular putting residents' needs first) was referenced. Village Hall Committee members should have been consulted in advance of the PC meeting. Requested that the decision is revoked.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cllrs responded that one of the main reasons for the objection was that the planning application is deficient. The following statements are incorrect: the roof slope does not front a highway; and the Hall is not in a conservation area and is not in a national park. Clerk reminded attendees of the content of the written objection. Application would need to be withdrawn and re-written &amp; then the PC may be able to re-assess its decision.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A resident commented that Green Lane appears to have been forgotten in terms of traffic signs &amp; re-design of village entrances. Speeding is a real problem in Green Lane &amp; pinch points are after the entrances to both Stewarts Green and Lashly Meadow.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cllr Silcock agreed with all points made, but reassured the assembly that he has sat at Three Corners over one evening and was shocked at volume and speed of traffic, esp. at rush hour. Work has been done on all roads and areas of the village; not just those demonstrated during agenda item 5.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A resident asked why the PC had not bought speed indicator devices.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cllrs confirmed that they cost circa £2,500/device and they need moving regularly to be effective. Many parishes are renting out their device. The Traffic &amp; Pedestrian Safety Working Group is looking at solutions.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A vote of thanks was offered to the Traffic &amp; Pedestrian Safety Working Group.</li> </ul>	Clerk

The meeting closed at 9.15pm